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Occupied Germany:

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 6 July 1946.

Communicable Diseases:

The incidence of malaria has again increased in all three Laender and the US Sector of Berlin with a total of 31 cases reported for the week ended 6 July against 18 cases for the previous week. No cases of malaria were reported in Bremen for either week. Diphtheria also showed an increase in all three Laender, US Sector Berlin, and a sharp rise in Bremen with 65 reported cases compared with 28 during the previous week. Wuerttemberg-Baden reports that 15 US soldiers, at the Ordnance School in Heidenheim, have developed diphtheria and 29 others have positive throat cultures as do 48 German civilians working at the school. Only four German adults and no children are suffering from clinical diphtheria in Kreis Heidenheim. New employees of the school are to be vaccinated in the future. The incidence of whooping cough also increased in both Land Bavaria and Land Greater Hesse with a more noticeable increase in Bavaria. Scabies increased considerably with Wuerttemberg-Baden responsible for the greater part of the increase whereas there was a decline in incidence in Greater Hesse. All three Laender showed an increased incidence of measles. Scarlet fever increased in both Greater Hesse and Wuerttemberg-Baden but decreased in US Sector Berlin.

Medical Supplies:

Wuerttemberg-Baden reports a survey has been made with reference to locating laboratory animals to be used in the preparation of vaccine and immune sera. While a few sources were found, they will not be of much value in increasing the production of vaccine and sera for the US Zone for their numbers are insufficient for routine laboratory work in Wuerttemberg-Baden alone. In Greater Hesse the captured enemy supply dump at Neuhof has been emptied of supplies. To relieve this situation 4,610,000 units of insulin from US Army stocks were issued to the Land Government to meet the monthly requirements and an additional 2,000,000 to serve as a reserve supply.

Hospitalization:

The shortage of hospital beds for tuberculous patients continues to be a major problem in Land Greater Hesse with no solution in sight at present. There is a possibility that one more POW hospital, located in Kreis Oberursel, may be returned to civilian use in the near future, in which case it will be used as a tuberculosis hospital. Land Bavaria reports the need of approximately 40,000 hospital beds to meet the needs of oncoming winter. The Third United States Army still retains 20 PW hospitals with a capacity of 16,195 beds. The future transfer of these hospitals to civilian status should supply approximately 14,000 beds by January 1947, still leaving 25,000 beds and facilities to be acquired.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 6 July 1946

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE														c: Cases d: Deaths											
		Cases, Deaths																									
		Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
TOTAL US Zone	£ 16,201,284	c	d					701 21	209	713 160	140 28	734 3	7 3	2 2457	706 3	63 5	20 17	—	—	1 1	1 13	4052	—	2 1	31	13	226
Mainfranken	935,625	c	d					23	1	64 5	13	48	—	—	31	4	5	—	—	—	—	277	—	—	1	—	1
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	c	d					78	9	63 25	7 3	92 1	—	1	374	11	3	1	—	—	—	—	618	1	6	—	4
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	c	d					65	21	38 11	3 1	79	3 2	—	230	12	3	1	—	—	—	—	605	—	3	—	3
Schwaben	1,040,631	c	d					29	16	47 10	8 1	107	—	—	162	43 2	3 1	1	—	—	—	—	150	—	1	—	38
Oberbayern	2,160,916	c	d					83	22	94 22	12 3	131	—	—	332	95 1	3 2	—	—	—	—	—	324	—	2	—	116
Kassel	1,153,323	c	d					57	18	35 5	19 1	14	2 1	—	122	44 2	2	—	—	—	—	4	87	—	2	—	20
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	c	d					71	30	88 13	13 6	14	—	—	352	103 4	3	—	—	—	1	20	—	1 1	1	—	—
Hessen	1,178,132	c	d					54	19	65 8	3	84	—	—	135	42 1	—	2	—	—	—	9	265	—	1 13	11	—
Baden	1,249,127	c	d					80	14	83 10	28 4	67 1	2	—	233	58 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1524	—	3	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	c	d					87	40	81 10	26 6	98 1	—	1	181	48 9	5	1	—	—	—	—	182	—	2	—	33
Bremen Port Command	£ 478,106	c	d					65	2	26 4	18	—	1	—	158	51 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	275	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	c	d					74	19	55 41	8 3	—	—	—	305	112 8	2 1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—

£ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 6 July 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																										
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Polio myelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Bavaria	8,169,731	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	278	69	306	43	457	3	1	1129	299	33	10	3	—	—	—	1974	—	1	13	—	162
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	182	67	188	35	112	2	—	609	189	10	3	2	—	1	13	372	—	1	4	13	31
Württemberg Baden	3,293,283	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	167	54	164	54	165	2	1	414	106	12	5	1	—	—	—	1706	—	—	5	—	38
Bremen Port Command	478,106	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	65	2	26	18	—	1	—	158	51	1	—	—	—	—	—	275	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	19	55	8	—	—	—	305	112	8	2	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,169,731		—	—	—	—	—	—	17.68	43.88	19.46	2.73	29.06	.19	.06	71.80	19.02	2.10	.64	.19	—	—	—	—	125.55	—	.06	.83	—	10.30
Greater Hesse	3,793,452		—	—	—	—	—	—	24.95	9.18	25.77	4.80	15.35	.27	—	83.49	25.91	1.37	.41	.27	—	—	.14	1.78	51.00	—	.14	.55	1.78	4.25
Württemberg-Baden	3,293,283		—	—	—	—	—	—	26.37	8.53	25.89	8.53	26.05	.31	.16	65.37	16.74	1.89	.79	.16	—	—	—	—	269.38	—	—	.79	—	5.21
Bremen Port Command	478,106		—	—	—	—	—	—	70.09	2.17	28.28	19.58	—	1.08	—	171.84	55.47	1.08	—	—	—	—	—	—	299.09	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818		—	—	—	—	—	—	40.73	10.46	30.27	4.40	—	—	—	167.87	61.64	4.40	1.10	6.05	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.95	—	—

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 6 July 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	£ 16,201,284	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.50	6.71	22.89	4.49	23.56	.22	.06	78.87	22.66	2.02	.64	.54	—	.03	.42	130.07	—	.06	.99	.42	7.25
Mainfranken	935,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.78	.55	55.57	7.22	26.68	—	—	17.23	7.78	2.22	2.78	—	—	—	—	151.96	—	—	.55	—	.55
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.73	2.16	15.13	1.68	22.09	—	.24	89.80	22.81	2.64	.72	.24	—	—	—	143.38	—	.24	1.44	—	.96
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.11	5.85	10.59	.83	22.01	.83	—	64.08	14.49	3.34	—	.28	—	—	—	168.55	—	—	.83	—	.83
Schwaben	1,040,631	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.49	7.99	23.48	4.00	53.47	—	—	80.95	21.49	1.50	—	.50	—	—	—	74.95	—	.50	—	18.99	—
Oberbayern	2,160,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.97	5.29	22.62	2.89	31.52	—	—	79.88	22.86	.72	.48	—	—	—	—	77.95	—	—	.48	—	27.91
Kassel	1,153,323	—	—	—	—	—	—	25.70	8.12	15.78	8.57	6.31	.90	—	55.01	19.84	.90	—	—	—	1.80	39.23	—	—	.90	—	9.02	—
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	—	—	—	—	—	—	25.25	10.67	31.30	4.62	4.98	—	—	125.20	36.64	1.42	1.06	—	.35	—	—	7.11	—	.85	.35	—	—
Hessen	1,178,132	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.83	8.39	28.69	1.32	37.08	—	—	59.59	18.54	1.76	—	.88	—	—	—	116.97	—	—	.44	5.74	4.85
Baden	1,249,127	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.30	5.83	34.55	1.56	27.89	.83	—	97.00	24.14	1.25	—	—	—	—	—	634.44	—	1.25	—	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.13	10.18	20.61	6.61	24.93	—	.25	46.05	12.21	2.29	1.27	.25	—	—	—	46.30	—	—	.51	—	8.39
Bremen Port Command	£ 478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	70.69	2.17	28.28	13.53	—	1.08	—	171.04	55.47	1.08	—	—	—	—	—	239.09	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.73	10.46	30.27	4.40	—	—	—	167.87	61.64	4.40	1.10	6.05	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.95	—	—

£ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.
(Rates Expressed as per population 10,000 per Annum).

